

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. ^M15-16

Magi No. 1602425535

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

Historic Brandenburg Log Tobacco House

and/or common

2. Location

Street & number Mullinix Mill Road at Long Corner Road not for publicationCity, town Damascus vicinity of congressional district

State Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture
<u> </u> building(s)	<u> </u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial
	<u> </u> not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military
			<u> </u> museum
			<u> </u> park
			<u> </u> private residence
			<u> </u> religious
			<u> </u> scientific
			<u> </u> transportation
			<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

Name Jeremiah Brandenburg

Street & number 26360 Mullinix Mill Road telephone no.:

City, town Rt. 3 Mt. Airy state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber VMB 165
436

Street & number folio

City, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

Title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

Date 1976 federal state county local

Repository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

City, town Rockville state Maryland

7. DESCRIPTION

(Check One)

☐ Excellent☐ Good☒ Fair☐ Deteriorated☐ Ruins☐ Unexposed

CONDITION

(Check One)

☒ Altered☐ Unaltered

(Check One)

☐ Moved☒ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two-story, frame structure of irregular massing and plan. The sheathing is clapboard. To the west of the house is a summer kitchen with an "A" roof and stone foundation. South of the house is a bankbarn, sitting on a stone foundation. The vertical siding has arched windows, painted on both the front and end facades; there are only two small glazed windows on either side of the sliding doors.

Near the road stands a log tobacco house, one of few left in the County. The logs are joined with inverted V-notches; the chinking is stone. The bottom logs are supported by low stone piers. The gable ends are vertical boards. On the interior, the tobacco poles remain intact; they span the structure, at either end being chamfered and fit between the logs.

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B. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Brandenburg Log Tobacco House is significant as a fairly well preserved example of one of the county's remaining tobacco barns. Tobacco was grown extensively through out Montgomery County during the 18th and 19th centuries. It was the single most valuable crop; so valuable that it was used in place of money as a medium of exchange. By 1790, Montgomery County produced 1/5 of the total tobacco grown in Maryland.¹ It was raised less extensively by the mid 19th century when its impoverishing effects on the soil were realized. However, tobacco was still grown in this area (Damascus) until about 1919.²

Tobacco could be cured in a barn by two methods. One was to hang the leaves in a tightly sealed barn; the other was to use openings for ventilation, and then to burn fires underneath. The closed method was widely used because it was faster. However, the ventilated method, though slower, resulted in a better, less smokey tasting tobacco. Most of Montgomery County's tobacco barns were thus constructed using unchinked logs, allowing gaps between logs for ventilation. It could be then that the Brandenburg was chinked at a later date so that it could be made more useful once tobacco was no longer raised.

1

Richard K. MacMaster and Ray Eldon Heibert, A Grateful Remembrance. Rockville: Montgomery County Government & the Montgomery County Historical Society, 1976, 9. 116.

2

Ibid., p. 242.

I. Major Bibliographical References

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MacMaster & Hiebert, A Grateful Remembrance.

0. Geographical Data

Range of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Zone	Easting	Northing
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

B	Zone	Easting	Northing
	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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1. Form Prepared By

Name/title Catherine Crawford

Organization Montgomery County Hist. Pres. Comm. date 2/84

Street & number telephone

City or town Rockville state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

1602425535

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Brandenburg House & Tobacco Barn					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: Mullinix Mill Road & Long Corner Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Damascus					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	
				ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____	
				<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____	
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME: Jerrie E. Brandenburg					
STREET AND NUMBER: Mullinix Mill Road & Long Corner Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Damascus			STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region					
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission					
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		

7. DESCRIPTION			
CONDITION	(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair
	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Untraceable
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE			
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B. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☐ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Aboriginal☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCPPC	DATE 8 Jan 74
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

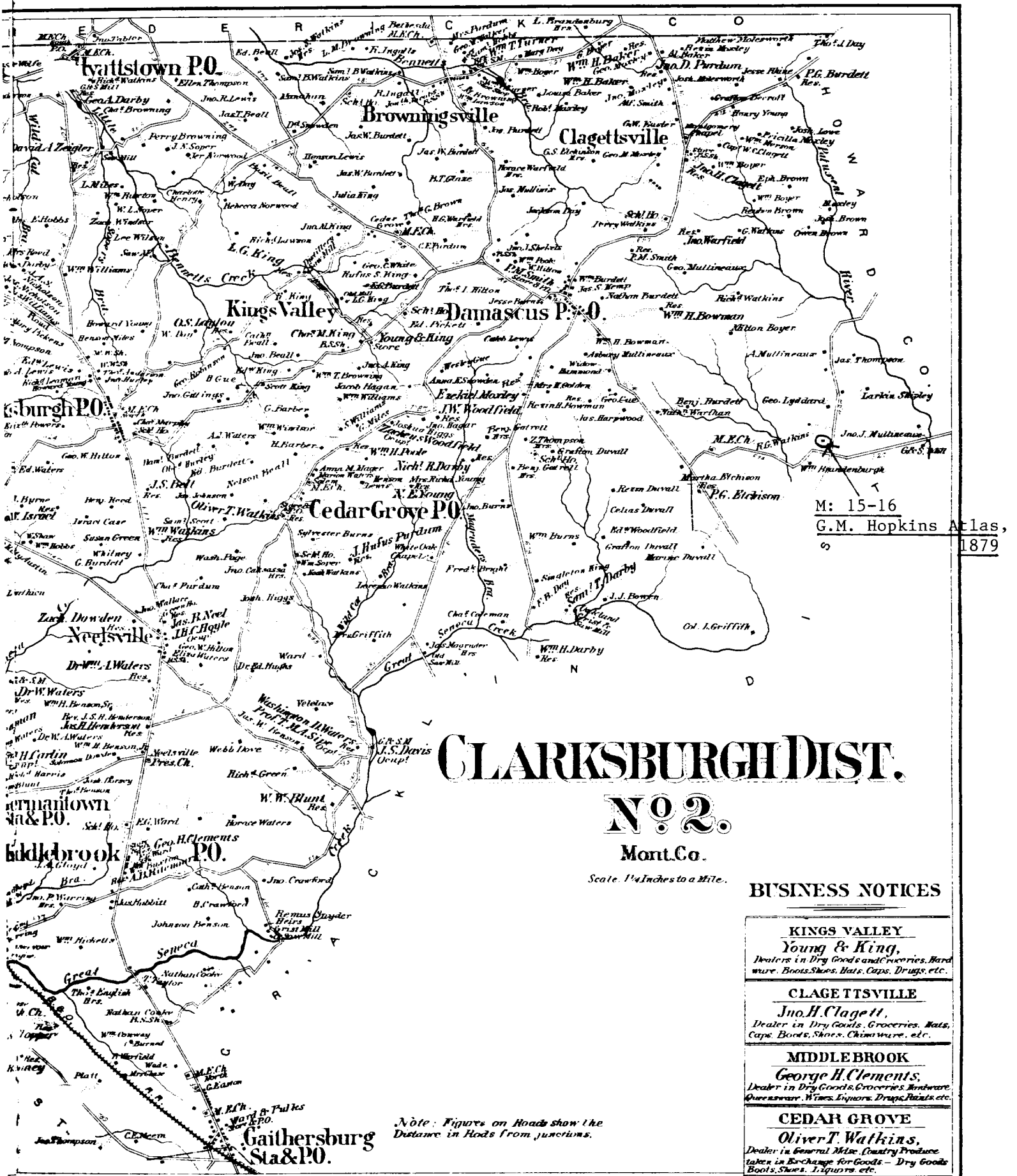
12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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G.M. Hopkins Atlas,
1879

BUSINESS NOTICES

KINGS VALLEY

Young & King,

Dealers in Dry Goods and Groceries, Hardware, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Drugs, etc.

CLAGETTSVILLE

Jno. H. Clagett,

Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Chinaware, etc.

MIDDLEBROOK

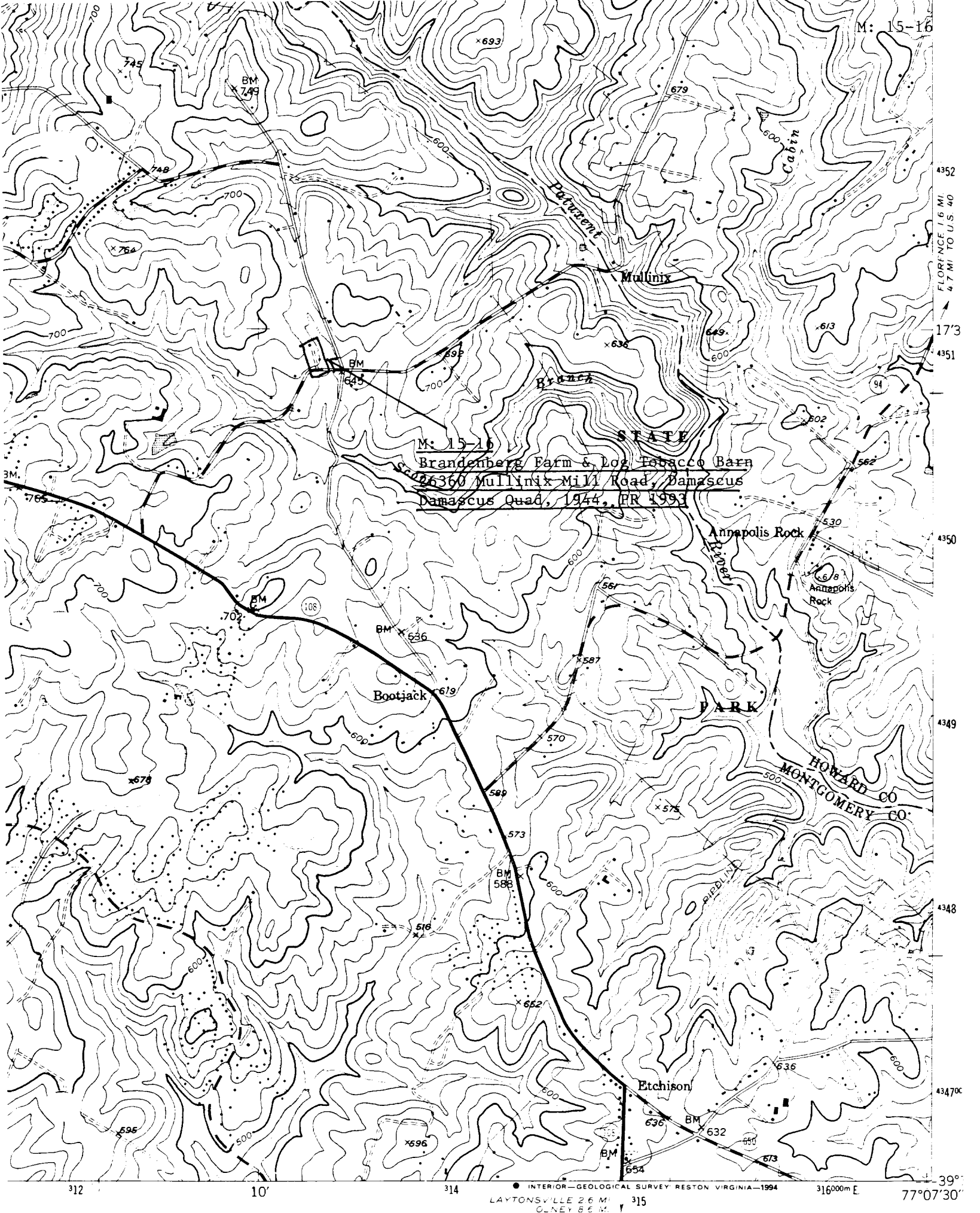
George H. Clements,

Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Chinaware, Wines, Liquors, Drugs, Paints, etc.

CEDAR GROVE

Oliver T. Watkins,

Dealer in General Merchandise, Country Produce taken in Exchange for Goods - Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Liquors, etc.



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Brandenburg Farm & Log Tobacco Barn
26360 Mullinix Mill Road, Damascus
Damascus Quad, 1944, PR 1993

FLORINCE 1.6 MI
4.7 MI TO U.S. 40

17°3'

4350

4349

4348

434700

39°
77°07'30"

● INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON VIRGINIA-1994
LAYTONSVILLE 2.6 MI
OLNEY 8.5 MI

ROAD CLASSIFICATION



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NAME JERRIE BRANDENBURG FARM- BANK BARN

LOCATION 26360 MULLINIX MILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. OWYER



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NAME JERRIE BRANDENBURG FARM - BANK BARN

LOCATION 26360 MULLINIX MILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. DWYER



M#15-16

NAME JERRIE BRANDENBURG FARM - TOBACCO HOUSE

LOCATION 26360 MULLINIX MILL RD DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. DWYER



M# 15-16

NAME WM. BRANDENBURG FARM

LOCATION MULLINIX MILL Rd DAMASCUS, Md

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 1/8/74 M. DWYER